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Upper Midwest Veterans Business Conference and Expo To be Held in Fargo

FARGO – The Upper Midwest Veterans Business Conference and Expo will be held in Fargo on Thursday, June 17th at the Ramada Plaza Suites and Conference Center. The Veterans Conference and Expo will offer informational programs on starting and managing a small business.

Veterans and the general public are invited to attend this *free* event sponsored by the U.S. Small Business Administration's (SBA) Office of Veterans Affairs. Registration will start at 8:30 am with concurrent sessions starting at 9:00 am that feature information on starting a business, market planning, selling to the federal government, and financing for small business. Members from the Service Corp of Retired Executives (SCORE) will be in attendance and offer individual guidance and mentoring to potential small business owners and existing business who are seeking guidance in business improvement techniques. The Expo will feature booths from various resource providers offering assistance to veterans.

There is no registration fee, but pre-registration is encouraged for planning purposes. For more information or to register, you may contact SBA at (701) 239-5131 or the Entrepreneur Centers of North Dakota at 1-800-698-5726. Email requests can be directed to north.dakota@sba.gov

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